

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION
Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, January 9, 2002
6:00 – 9:00 PM
Clark County Public Works Department
Conference Room
4700 NE 78th Street
Vancouver, Washington

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Robbie Agard, Willie Bourlet, Cal Ek, Dana Kemper, Mary Martin, Susan Rasmussen, Don Steinke, Art Stubbs and Peter Tuck

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Mark McCauley and Earl Rowell

Audience

Bill Owen

Introduction

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, Clark County staff, and guests were introduced. Chair, Commissioner Kemper, then called the meeting to order.

Agenda and material review

The material for tonight's meeting include:

1. 1/9/02 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting Agenda;
2. 12/05/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting notes;
3. Ten Step Planner Board of Commissioner Work Sessions;
4. News Release; Clark County Commissioners' Office;
5. News article from The Columbian, dated 1/8/02;
6. The Washington Water Resource, Volume 12, Number 2, Summer 2001;
7. Draft – Clark County Clean Water Commission 2001 Annual Report to Clark County Board of Commissioners;
8. Clean Water Fund Budget Reports for period 0111;
 - Handout regarding BRAG award; and
 - Memo Department of Public Works Watershed Resources Section dated 1/9/02.

12/05/01 notes

The notes from the 12/05/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting were approved as written.

Recognition of people doing good clean water work

Earl Rowell: Bob Patterson from Clark County Public Works, Solid Waste section provided information regarding several award programs that are currently in place in the Clark County area. One example is the BRAG program, a Clark County/Vancouver Business Assistance program, which recognizes area businesses that make recycling, waste reduction and purchasing recycled content products part of their regular business practices.

Earl Rowell: Some issues that this Commission needs to consider is whether you want to develop your own award program or if you would like to coordinate with another organization's award program. Also, will this award be given monthly, annually or as appropriate? There is a handout in your packet of material that provides information on the criteria other groups use for their award program.

Mr. Bourlet: I don't see an award here that we could coordinate with.

Mr. Rowell: Clark College has a program that this Commission may want to look into.

Mr. Kemper: I have asked for the criteria from the Late Great award program to see if that is something we could expand on for our award program.

Mr. Rowell: I can arrange to have Bob Patterson attend a Clean Water Commission Meeting to discuss the various award programs and answer any questions.

Mr. Bourlet: If you bring us some more written documentation that would work just as well.

Ms. Rasmussen: I like the idea of handing out a plaque or an award that businesses could display and show to the public.

Mr. Steinke: I like the idea of having multiple categories and recipients.

Updates/Communications from the public/media/agencies

Because of the holiday season there have been no communications from the public.

Term expiration of Commissioners Steinke, Stubbs, and Tuck

Mr. Kemper: How many inquiries have there been for Peter Tuck's position on the Clean Water Commission?

Mr. Rowell: There have been two letters of interest submitted to the BOCC, both of which have an engineering background.

Mr. Kemper asked the Clean Water Commissioners to let citizens know that there is an opening on the Commission.

BOCC/CWC Work Session 12/12/01, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, BOCC Hearings Room

Mr. Kemper reminded the Clean Water Commissioners that the BOCC/CWC work session would be held on Wednesday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m. He encouraged all Clean Water Commissioners to attend if they were available.

Mr. Bourlet: Will the media be at this event?

Mr. Rowell: Generally there is a member of the Columbian, and/or Oregonian at these meetings.

Mr. Rowell distributed a draft Annual Report for the Clean Water Commissioners to review and make comments. Once a final Annual Report is prepared Dana Kemper will sign on behalf of the Clark County Clean Water Commission.

2001-02 Budget Review

Mr. McCauley reviewed with the Clean Water Commissioners the budget reports for the month of November. Mr. McCauley also explained that he hoped to have December budget information by January 16th so it could be included in the Annual Report to the BOCC. Otherwise, the November budget reports would be used in the Annual Report.

Mr. Stubbs: Where are capital improvements in the budget?

Mr. McCauley: It is reflected in the consolidated report.

Mr. Bourlet: Can you use the money that is budgeted in capital and incentives to buy testing equipment?

Mr. Rowell: Yes we can buy testing equipment with money that is budgeted for capital and/or incentives.

Mr. Ek: What is the formal mechanism for budget changes?

Mr. McCauley: Any changes to the budget need to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. McCauley discussed the closure of fund 1020 (Drywell, East Fork and Lacamas Grants) and 4413 (Burnt Bridge Creek), any monies left over will be put into fund 4420.

Capital Improvement Program Subcommittee

The capital improvement program subcommittee consisting of Mr. Bourlet, Ms. Rasmussen, Mr. Stubbs, Mr. Tuck and Mr. Giese did not meet during the holidays; A meeting will be scheduled before the next Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting to prioritize the capital programs.

There are two schools of thought:

1. Put money towards the worst creeks in order to make them better.
2. Keep the clean creeks one clean.

Mr. Ek: I believe we should put the areas that have no other funding at the top of the list and put the areas that do receive other funding towards the bottom.

Ms. Rasmussen: Another approach would be to concentrate on new developments by looking at their stormwater facilities and focus on getting those that aren't up to standard to meet current standard.

Mr. Stubbs: What would be your suggestion Cal (Ek)?

Mr. Ek: I think we have lost our focus, we need to focus on the outfalls. We have to do something concrete where we can show the public that we have done something to clean the water.

Mr. Tuck: We need to make sure that what we spend our money on is accomplishing our original goal of making the water clean.

Adjourn

Mr. Kemper adjourned the Clean Water Commission meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelli Frost

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